

REMARKS

Claims 3 through 16 and 19 through 21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 17 and 18 were previously canceled, and claims 22 and 23 are canceled by the present amendment.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 3 through 16 and 19 through 21.

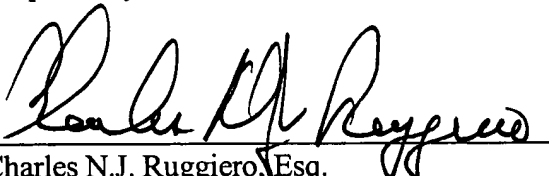
Concurrently with the present amendment, Applicants are submitting an Information Disclosure Statement with a PTO-1449 that lists several references. Applicants respectfully request that with the next Office communication, the Examiner includes a copy of the PTO-1449 showing that the Office has considered the references.

In section 2 of the Office Action, claims 22 and 23 are rejected. Applicants are proposing the present amendment to cancel claims 22 and 23, thus rendering moot the rejection. Since this amendment neither raises new issues nor requires further consideration, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 22 and 23.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims presented in this application patentably distinguish over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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